(ग) जब भी ऐसे मामले मंत्रालय के ध्यान में लाए जाते हैं तो ऐसे मामलों को संबंधित डाक प्राधिकारियों के साथ उठाया जाता है। अपनी तरफ से मंत्रालय ने सभी पारपत्र कार्यालयों को ये निर्देश जारी किए हैं कि पारपत्र विशेष तौर पर छपे हुए लिफाफों में रजिस्टर्ड डाक से भेजे जाएं। ऐसे लिफाफों पर बाईं ओर कोने में बड़े अक्षरों में निम्नलिखित छपा हो:

पारपत्र केवल प्रेषिती को ही दिया जाए,
इसे पुन: प्रेषित न किया जाए।

डाक से पारपत्र भेजते समय उनके गुम होने की सम्भावनाओं को न्यूनतम करने के लिए ये कदम उठाए गए हैं।

Introduction of Mobile Patrol along National Highways

2052. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce the system of Mobile Patrols along National Highways for road safety and checking of rash driving;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Mobile Squads on Highways is an common practice in other countries; and

(d) if so, whether Government are considering introduction of Mobile Squads as a pilot project on National Highways in Andhra Pradesh; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKAT-RAMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, there is a National Highway Patrolling Scheme under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments for purchase of a crane and ambulance each for removal of accidented vehicles from the National Highways and providing immediate medical facilities to the accident victims. It is for the State Governments to keep a check on rash driving.

(c) yes, Sir. The system of Highway Patrolling is prevalent in some countries.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

Traffic Handled by Major Ports

2053. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the traffic handling capacity of each major port in the country;

(b) the traffic handled by each port during 8th Five Year Plan as on date; and

(c) the year-wise port-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKAT-RAMAN): (a) to (c) A statement indicating existing traffic handling capacity of the Major Ports and the traffic handled by each port during the various years of the 8th Five Year Plan, is enclosed.

Statement

Traffic handled by Major Ports

Port	Aggregate Traffic handling capacity (as on 31.3.1996)	Actual Traffic Handled during the 8th Five Year Plan period. (in Million Tonnes)				
		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97* (Apr.-Nov.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Calcutta	6.75	5.16	5.17	5.80	6.12	3.98
Haldia	17.28	13.18	13.33	14.73	15.39	10.89
Paradip	8.55	7.61	8.33	10.12	11.26	7.33
Vizag	23.65	22.77	25.59	30.03	32.82	22.02
Madras	22.07	25.33	26.54	29.46	30.72	21.21

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tuticorin	6.10	6.21	6.70	8.04	9.29	6.08
Cochin	13.26	7.98	7.62	8.63	11.49	7.38
New Mangalore	10.00	7.09	8.63	8.01	8.88	7.60
Mormugao	16.30	16.31	18.72	18.88	18.10	9.64
J.L. Nehru	5.90	3.01	3.39	5.01	6.87	5.28
Mumbai	26.80	29.02	30.74	32.05	34.05	21.38
Kandla	20.80	22.91	24.50	26.50	30.34	21.02
TOTAL	117.46	166.58	179.26	197.26	215.33	143.81

* Provisional

Modernisation of Telecom network in West Godavari District

2054. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Telecom has begun any modernisation of the telecom network in West Godavari District;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the outlay of funds earmarked for this purpose in 1996-97; and

(d) the amount spent for this so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) All the small exchanges have been converted into electronic exchanges except at Puchikapudu where conversion work is under progress.

(ii) Out of 1054 villages in West Godavari District, 924 are already covered with telecom facility. 130 more villages are planned for provision of Village Panchayat Telephones by March, 1997.

(iii) Out of 138 exchanges, 90 exchange are already provided with STD facility as on 30.10.96.

(iv) It is planned to install optical fibre cable network in addition to UHF systems to provide reliable transmission media.

(c)	Cash	Stores (Rs. in Crores)
The amount allocated is	19.51	6.4
(d) The amount spent so far is	2.07	0.44

Higher postal charges for Hindi newspapers and magazines

2055. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that postal charges on Hindi newspapers and magazines are three times higher to their actual prices in countries like Mauritius, Britain, Guyana, Trinidad, Fizi etc. where majority of population belonging to Indian origin speak Hindi language making the newspapers/magazines unaffordable;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would consider bearing the postal charges on Hindi newspapers and magazines in the aforesaid countries thereby promoting Indian culture through Hindi language; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) Specific information is not available about postal charges on Hindi Newspapers and Magazines in countries like Mauritius, Britain, Guyana, Trinidad & Fizi, where these charges are fixed by the respective postal authorities in these countries.

(c) and (d) Postal charges in other countries contribute towards revenue generated in those countries for the respective administrations & the Department of Post, in India has no role in this matter.